

OBITUARY NOTICES.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Miss J. E. LINTER, who had been a member of the Society since the year 1895.

Of a retiring disposition Miss Linter did not attend the meetings of the Society, and consequently was not known personally to many of the members. She was, however, an enthusiastic collector, and her cabinets contained very many rare and interesting species, more especially of land shells. Many of these came from the collections made in India by W. Theobald and Colonel Skinner.

It is understood that her collection has been bequeathed to the Devon and Exeter Museum on condition that it would be accessible to the public.

Miss Linter was born at Teignmouth in the year 1844, and her death occurred at her residence, Saville House, Twickenham, on August 30th, 1909.

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We also have to record, with deep regret, the death of the Rev. GEORGE FERRIS WHIDBORNE, M.A., F.G.S., etc., which took place on the 14th of February last at the age of 64. Mr. Whidborne was a member of this Society for upwards of sixteen years, but rarely attended its meetings and was not a contributor to the 'Proceedings'. On palæontological subjects, however, he accomplished considerable work, especially in connexion with the British Inferior Oolite Pelecypoda, and the various groups of mollusca found in the Devonian formation of the South of England. The magnitude of his Devonian Memoir, published by the Palæontographical Society, may be better understood when it is stated that the parts devoted to the Cephalopoda, Gastropoda, and Pelecypoda comprise more than fifty quarto plates and upwards of five hundred pages of descriptive text. As a man of considerable wealth, he was able to command any number of plates for illustrating his monographs, and these have largely added to the importance and value of his palæontological writings. The following are his principal memoirs:—

1. "On some Fossils of the Inferior Oolite."—*Lamellibranchiata*: Rep. Brit. Assoc., 1882, p. 534 (1883).
2. "Notes on some Fossils, chiefly Mollusca, from the Inferior Oolite": *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.*, 1883, vol. xxxix, pls. xv-xix, pp. 487-540.
3. "On some Devonian Cephalopods and Gasteropods": Rep. Brit. Assoc., 1888, pp. 680-1 (1889).
4. "On some Fossils of the Limestones of South Devon": *ibid.*, pp. 681-2.
5. "Monograph of the Devonian Fauna of the South of England": Palæontographical Society, 1890-7. Cephalopoda, comprising 13 pls. and 111 pp. of text; Gastropoda, 19 pls. and 215 pp.; Pelecypoda, 19 pls. and 162 pp.
6. "Devonian Fossils from Devonshire": *Geol. Mag.*, 1901, pls. xvii, xviii, pp. 529-40.

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